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SUBJECT: BELGIUM'S CD CANDIDACY: SOMETHING FOR
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REF: A) USNATO 08265, B) BRUSSELS 17341

1. WE QUESTION THAT U.S. SUPPORT FOR BELGIUM'S CD CANDIDACY WOULD FAVORABLY AFFECT BELGIUM'S DECISION ON ANY OF THE LIST OF EXPENSIVE THINGS WE ARE ASKING THEM TO DO IN THE NATIONAL AND NATO DEFENSE INTEREST. GRATITUDE DOES NOT WEIGH HEAVILY ON THE BELGIAN PURSE. ON THE CONTRARY, THE IMPLICATION THAT MAJOR (FOR BELGIUM) DEFENSE COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE INFLUENCED BY POLITICAL FAVORS COULD EVOKE A CERTAIN CYNICISM REGARDING OUR ASSERTIONS THAT THESE COMMITMENTS ARE OBJECTIVELY IMPORTANT.
2. WE DO BELIEVE THAT A LINKAGE BETWEEN NAPMA LOCATION AND AWACS PARTICIPATION COULD PROPERLY AND EFFECTIVELY BE MADE IN THE SENSE THAT IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE TO SITE NAPMA IN AN ALLY THAT DECLINES TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS FULL PARTICIPATION IN AWACS (REF B). OLSEN

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